Adequate briefing was given to our trade and industry representatives, who attended the Congress, on various matters that came up for discussion in the Congress.

US military aid to other countries

481. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in the various news media that U.S. Government proposes to waive the provisions of law prohibiting American military aid to the countries possessing unsafeguarded nuclear equipment and technology; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto, especially in the context of persistent reports that Pakistan is on the threshhold of making atomic bomb?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. According to available information, Pakistan is the only country for which such waiver has been sought.

(b) Government have repeatedly urged the U.S. Government to use its influence with Pakistan and all means available under US laws to deter Pakistan from making nuclear weapons. Government also keeps under constant review India's security needs.

Sarkaria Commission

482. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations has completed its study and submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and by when the Commission is expected to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Delay in the finalisation of the Commission's report is because of non-receipt of views from the State of Punjab as also the newly formed States of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. In the circumstances, any indication of date for submission of report seems difficult at this stage.

Reconstitution of Board of Directors of NTC

483. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Directors of the National Textile Corporation Limited, New Delhi has been restructured by inducting a new Chairman-cum-Managing Director/Directors very recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the new incubments were facing charges of corruption and malpractices; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Consequent upon the resignation of the Managing Director and retirement of the Chairman, National Textile Corporation last year, the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director has been filled recently. No charges are reported to be pending presently against the new incumbent.

Report of the Srinivasan Committee on NTC

484. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee headed by Shri K. Srinivasan was set up to

evaluate the performance of the functional Directors of the NTC holding company and its subsidiaries;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, when and what action has been taken thereon by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These reports have been taken into account while processing cases regarding continuation/appointment etc. of various Directors.

Undertrial Prisoners in the Country

485. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of undertrial prioners in the country at present, Statewise;

(b) whether Government propose to bring forward any legislation during the current Session of Parliament to formulate laws regarding permissible period of detention of undertrials; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, how Government propose to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Available information is attached as statement. (*See* below).

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(c) With a view to ensuring that the undertrial prisoners do not suffer unduly long incarceration in jails, the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to set up district level committees to review the cases of undertrial prisoners periodically, to make arrangement for giving legal aid to poor and indigent prisoners and to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Cr.P.C. regarding limitation of time prescribed in investigation and enquiry of cases. They have also been requested to examine the cases of undertrials prisoners in the light of the directions given by Supreme Court from time to time.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No. of undertrials	As on
1	2	3	4
1	(Hyderabad) Andhra Pradesh . . .	4164	31-12-1986
2	(Dispur) Assam	2574	31-12-1986
3	(Patna) Bihar	19671	30-6-1986
4	(Gandhinagar) Gujarat	1972	30-6-1986
5	(Chandigarh) Haryana	1673	31-12-1986
6	(Simla) Himachal Pradesh	146	31-12-1986